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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0222

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG MOPS LE  
SUBJ: TAPLINE STOPS PUMPING IN EFFORT BREAK LOCAL STRIKE

REFS: (A) DAMASCUS 205, (B) BEIRUT 078 (NOTAL)

1. INFORMATION REFTEL (A) IS CORRECT. THERE IS A LABOR DISPUTE IN PROGRESS INVOLVING TAPLINE EMPLOYEES IN LEBANON WHO DESIRE 36-HOUR WORK WEEK WITH PAY FOR 40. TAPLINE DID STOP PUMPING, ACCORDING TO OUR INFO ON DECEMBER 8; BUT AS OF WEEK OF JANUARY 4 STORAGE TANKS AT ZAHRANI TERMINAL CONTAINED SOME 900,000 BARRELS, ENOUGH TO KEEP BOTH ZAHRANI AND TRIPOLI REFINERIES OPERATING UNTIL END OF JANUARY, (REF B NOTAL).

2. WE BELIEVE NO CRISIS IS IN THE OFFING. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECONOFF JANUARY 12, A LOCAL TAPLINE ENGINEER CLAIMED WORK DISPUTE WAS NEARLY SOLVED, THAT UNION LEADER HAD ACCEPTED 40-HOUR WEEK PRINCIPLE AND MATTER WOULD END IN NEXT FEW  
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DAYS. SAME SOURCE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT LEBANON IN THE ABSENCE OF TAPLINE CRUDE COULD AND WOULD IMPORT REFINED PRODUCT BY SEA, HENCE WAS IN NO DANGER OF RUNNING OUT OF GAS.

3. ON BASIS OUR INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE NO DANGER POSED TO ADF OPERATIONS IN LEBANON.

4. AFTER FOREGOING DRAFTED, LOCAL PRESS CARRIED NEWS ITEM  
THAT UNION LEADER HAS ACCEPTED 40-HOUR WEEK.  
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